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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
STEFAN DREHER ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. :  
(Based on PCT/EP00/00091)  
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FOR: POLYMER DISPERSIONS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment  
to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A polymer dispersion as claimed in claim 1, which additionally  
comprises a nonionic surfactant.
4. (Amended) A polymer dispersion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
polyelectrolyte is composed of units of ethylenically unsaturated monomers and 20-100% by  
weight, based on the total monomer units, of units of ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>  
monocarboxylic acids; C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> dicarboxylic acids or their monoesters; sulfonic acids; sulfuric

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